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1. All questions concerning the Polish Academy of Sciences are worked out in top-planning Government centers by Krassowska, Mrs (fmu). Prior to World War II, she was known as Omelianczuk and was in Lwow as a devoted assistant of Kriedl, Professor [redacted]. They are still great friends. The closest collaborators of Mrs Krassowska are Mazur, Professor Stanislaw and Zolkiewski, Professor Stefan. Imfeld, Professor Leopold [redacted] is [redacted] entrusted to Sovietize Polish Science.

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2. The following persons are on the Presidential Board of the Polish Academy of Sciences:

- a. Dembowski, Professor Jan, President of the Polish Academy of Sciences, who is a noteworthy scientist in the field of biology. He made a "career" as a devoted supporter of Michurin and Lysenko theories. Dembowski [redacted] whose man of confidence is Professor Stanislaw Mazur [see below], Scientific Secretary of the Academy and member of the "Sejm" (parliament).
- b. Mazur, Professor Stanislaw, Scientific Secretary of the Academy and probable successor to Professor Jan Dembowski's post as President of the Academy. Professor Mazur is [redacted] one of the top planners of the regime in all matters relating to "modernization" in the field of Science in Poland. His main task lies in adjusting the Polish Science to the practical needs of the "socialist system".

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c. Nitsch, Professor Kazimierz, Deputy Chairman of the Academy. He is a well-known scientist and a great patriot. Professor Nitsch was nominated to his present post because he had been President of the "Polska Akademia Umiejetnosci" in Krakow at the time of its liquidation and his presence in the Presidential Board now is necessary for the time being, because the fusion of the old "Academy of Science" with the new one cannot be done rapidly without his help. He is familiar with the scientific research projects which were being carried on by the old Academy before its liquidation.

d. Sierpinski, Professor Wacław, Second Deputy Chairman of the Academy. Professor Sierpinski, like Professor Nitsch, is holding his present post because he is aiding in the merging of the old with the new Academy. He was formerly President of the "Warszawskie Towarzystwo Naukowe" at the time of its liquidation.

e. Wierzbicki, Professor Witold, Third Deputy Chairman of the Academy. He represents the interests of the technical science in the Presidential Board.

f. Dabrowski, Professor Jan, an old man, and former Chairman of the Polish Historical Society (Polskie Towarzystwo Historyczne), an organization of great merit. Professor Dabrowski's successor to his post in the Polish Historical Society (now incorporated into the new Academy), is Manteuffel, Tadeusz. [see 2 g. below],

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g. Manteuffel, Professor Tadeusz, Chairman of the Polish Historical Society, now incorporated into the new Academy.

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h. Hirschfeld, Professor Ludwik, a scientist of world fame. He is an old man of great merits and is temporarily being treated as an "ornament" in the new Academy.

i. Kulczynski, Professor Stanisław, former Rector of the University of Lwow. After 1945, he became Rector of the newly created University of Wrocław.

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Professor Kulczynski is also a member of the Warsaw Parliament at the present time.

j. Kuratowski, Professor Kazimierz

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k. Marchlewski, Professor Teodor, a relative of the well-known Bolshevik leader and friend of Lenin, Marchlewski.

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l. Modzelewski, Professor Zygmunt, former Foreign Minister of post-war Poland.

m. Pienkowski, Professor Stefan, a physicist of old fame. He is an old man. Like Professor Hirschfeld [see 2 h. above], he is an "ornament" of the new Academy.

n. Szafer, Professor Wladyslaw, a botanist; also an "ornament" of the new Academy.

o. Chalasinski, Professor (fnu) [redacted] During World War II, he was a great enemy of Communism.

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p. Zolkiewski, Professor Stefan [redacted] He is a member of the "Sejm" and close collaborator of Mrs Krassowska.

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q. Petrusewicz, Professor Kazimierz, a chemist. He is a Communist and Chairman of the "Wydzial Nauki" (Scientific Section) of the Party. He is responsible for planning, on the highest Party level, in problems concerning the Science.

r. Fiedler, Franciszek, [redacted] editor of Nowe Drogi, the official "theoretical and political" magazine of the Polish United Workers' Party.

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3. Most of the members of the new Polish Academy of Sciences are Polish patriots, often with great respect for the nation and her nationalist policy. Most of them are professors of Polish universities and in reality, the future of Polish Science lies in their hands. They are collaborating with the regime only because they are forced to do so, but they are trying to save the independence and character of Polish ideology, a very difficult task, indeed.

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